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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**RE: FOIA Request No. 19-02135-F**

Dear Emma Best:

This is in response to your August 26, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the United States Department of Education (ED) Office of Inspector General (OIG) for a copy of the list or printout or database listing of Inspector General investigations closed/reports completed during calendar year 2015. You wrote that if the list is organized by fiscal year rather than calendar year, then the fiscal year 2015 list would be sufficient for your request.

We have enclosed three pages responsive to your request.

We have redacted information pursuant to Exemptions (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) of FOIA which protect personal privacy interests. The information withheld under Exemption (b)(6) and (b)(7)(C) includes individual names, addresses, telephone numbers, and other personally identifying information.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this request you may file an administrative appeal by writing within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter to the:

Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
ATTN: FOIA Appeals  
Washington, DC 20202-1500

400 MARYLAND AVENUE, S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20202-1510

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A copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter and your statement of circumstances, reasons, and arguments should accompany your appeal letter.

You also have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from our OIG FOIA Public Liaison or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The OIG FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to appeals or litigation.

You may contact the OIG FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS as follows:

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| Mail   | Carla McKenzie<br>OIG FOIA Public Liaison<br>Office of the Inspector General<br>U.S. Department of Education<br>400 Maryland Ave., SW<br>Washington, DC 20202-1500 | Office of Government Information Services<br>National Archives and Records Administration<br>8601 Adelphi Road<br>Room 2510<br>College Park, MD 20740-6001 |
| E-mail | <a href="mailto:OIGFOIA@ed.gov">OIGFOIA@ed.gov</a>   | <a href="mailto:OGIS@nara.gov">OGIS@nara.gov</a>   |
| Phone  | 215-656-6027   | 301-837-1996; toll free at 1-877-684-6448  |
| Fax    | 202-245-7039   | 301-837-0348   |

Seeking assistance from the OIG FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not affect your right, or the deadline, to pursue an appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Antigone Potamianos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Antigone" being more prominent than the last name "Potamianos".

Antigone Potamianos  
Counsel to the Inspector General

cc: FOIA Service Center